

## LOEBNITZ, Henry Edmund Capt., AQM

Documents for Henry Edmund Loebnitz are found in both the National Archives files for Officers and the files for Texas, Fourth Cavalry (Fourth Mounted Volunteers, First Regiment, Sibley's Brigade). While documents on Texas Officers are often sparse, they are voluminous for Loebnitz and perhaps a reflection of his meticulous attention to detail. It should be noted that several of the National Archives summary cards differ in their details with original copies of the Special Orders for appointments; the Special Orders are primary sources and are given precedence.

Henry Loebnitz enlisted at age 29 on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1861, at Victoria, Texas, and mustered into service on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 1861, at San Antonio, Texas, as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant reporting to Capt. George James Hampton's Company, Texas Mounted Volunteers. This unit subsequently became Company C, 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment Texas Cavalry, organized in October, 1861. He brought with him two horses valued at \$250.00 and equipment valued at \$30.00.

Loebnitz was appointed by Col. James Reily on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1861, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. & AQM to the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Sibley's Brigade at Camp Sibley near San Antonio, Texas.

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1861, with Special Order No. 109, Brig. Gen'l H. H. Sibley appointed Loebnitz as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. & AQM reporting to the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment Texas Cavalry, Army of New Mexico, subject to approval by the President.

Col. W. R. Robards, Ordnance Officer in Sibley's Brigade, supplied Loebnitz with a pistol on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1862, at El Paso, Texas.

Loebnitz received \$9,700.00 in Quartermaster funds at Fort Bliss, Texas, for Sibley's Brigade on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1862.

On August 30<sup>th</sup> Loebnitz was dropped from the rolls as Maj. & AQM; this order was revoked (he was reinstated) on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 1862, by the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office in Richmond, Special Order No. 788, after receipt of Loebnitz' bond. On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1862, Loebnitz responded to General Order No. 23 of December 19<sup>th</sup>, in which he stated:

"The 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1861, Col. James Reily Comdg. 4<sup>th</sup> Tex. Cav. appointed me Asst. Quartermaster and Actg. Asst. Com. Sub. for his regiment and reported to Gen'l H. H. Sibley the fact; the 17<sup>th</sup> December 1861, I received an appointment from Brig. Gen'l H. H. Sibley as Asst. Qr. Mr. with the rank of Captain, in which capacity I have been acting since. Receiving the appointment in New Mexico it was impossible for me to procure my Official Bond, which I however sent to Adj. & Insp. S. Cooper about the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1862 notifying Col. A. C. Myers Qr. Mr. Gen'l of my doing so, but up to date I have not received an acknowledgement of the receipt of the same, nor has my commission been forwarded to me."

Loebnitz was on detached duty in Louisiana in 1863. On September 25<sup>th</sup> Gen'l Green offered him the position of Chief QM of his brigade if Loebnitz'



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health was restored. Records showed him at the Head Quarters of the District of Texas (Houston), where he signed as Capt & AQM.

On January 21<sup>st</sup> 1864, at Houston, Texas, Loebnitz applied to Maj. B. Bloomfield, Chief QM, for a transfer from field service on account of his health:

“The injury received, has caused me spells of sickness from time to time, and leaves me less able to attend to Business which requires much exercise, particularly on horseback.”

On February 5<sup>th</sup> he was ordered to report to Maj. B. Bloomfield, Chief QM in Gen'l Magruder's Command. By the month of May, Loebnitz was signing as Capt. & AQM & Acting Chief QM.

In a letter of August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1864, at Houston, Texas, Loebnitz wrote Capt. John E. Garey, Chief Quarter Master Trans-Miss. Department:

“I have the honor to make the following statement of facts:

“September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1861, I assumed the duties as A.A.Q.M. for 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. Sibley's Brig. under Gen. Orders No. 6 (marked “A”). December 17<sup>th</sup> 1861, was by Special Orders No. 109 appointed A.Q.M. with rank of Captain in same Regiment (see copy “B”). March 9<sup>th</sup> 1862 assumed the duties as Qr. Mr. for the Army of New Mexico in accordance with Special Orders (see “C”) in which capacity I served until the close of that campaign. October 7<sup>th</sup> 1862, forwarded my Official Bonds to General S. Cooper, which I executed immediately after my return from New Mexico to Texas, notifying Col. A. C. Myers Qr. Mr. Gen'l of the fact by letter (see D & E).

“I remained on duty with the Command as Regimental & Actg. Brig. Qr. Mr. under command of Col. James Reily and Gen'l Green during the campaign in La in 1863, until my health failed, which forced me to decline the acceptance of appointment as Chief Qr. Mr. for Brig. (see “F”) and to apply for relief of duties with the Command, based upon Surgeon's certificates.

“Febry 5<sup>th</sup> 1864, by Special Orders No. 36 Hd. Qrs. Dist. Tex. &c was relieved and ordered to report to Maj. B. Bloomfield Chf.

Qr. Mr. Dist. (see “G”) who assigned me to duty in his office.

“June 4/64, By Spec. Orders No. 156 was ordered to relieve Capt. John C. Ransom Asst. Chf. Qr. Mr. in the examination and settlement of Outstanding Claims (H).

“July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1864, Relieved Capt. John C. Ransom as Post Qr. Mr. at Houston under Spec. Orders No. 184(I).

“July 28<sup>th</sup> 1864, I received acknowledgement from War Department of Receipt & acceptance of my Official Bonds, dated Richmond Va. Dec. 14. 1862 (K) but have not to date received my commission as Asst. Qr. Mr.

“In consideration of the foregoing, I respectfully ask your influence with the General Commanding to have my Commission made out from date of my appointment, if my past services merit it, and if consistent with the Public Service, to have me properly assigned to duty as Depot Qr. Mr.”

Maj. B. Bloomfield, Chief QM, District of Texas, wrote a recommendation of promotion for Loebnitz on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1864:

“Capt. Loebnitz is an efficient and laborious officer, prompt in the discharge of his duties, & courteous to all with whom he has business. Capt. Loebnitz is a citizen of Texas since 1849, and born in Prussia. His character is unimpeachable.”

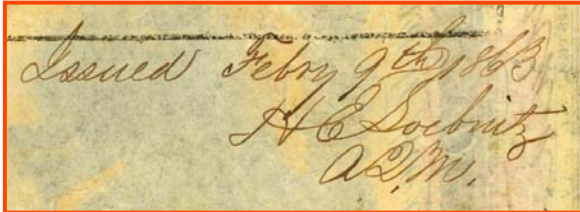
In a letter dated September 5<sup>th</sup>, 1864, at Houston, Texas, Loebnitz wrote Capt. A. Leigh, A. A. A. Gen'l:

“I...beg leave to state , that I have made repeated efforts to get men detailed by the Conscript Bureau, from Reserve Corps, or Conscripts, but my inability to procure men is the cause of asking for details at your office. I will endeavor to procure men as directed, to fill my Shops, and beg to be indulged until that time.”

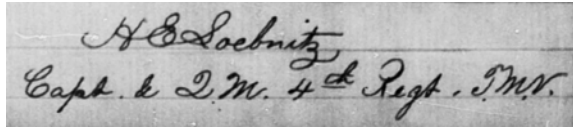
General Order No. 2 at the Head Quarters of the Eastern Sub District of Texas, Houston, assigned Loebnitz to duty in that department as Acting Chief Quarter Master on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1864.

Lists dated September, October, November, December, 1864, and January, February, March, 1865, stated that Loebnitz was on duty at Houston, Texas, as Post QM.

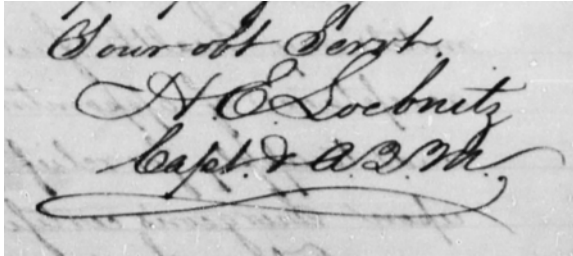
Henry E. Loebnitz was paroled on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1865, at Houston, Texas. McNeil



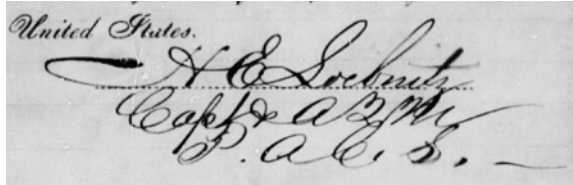
H. E. Loebnitz's signatures from the National Archives.



The earliest known example, signed on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1862, at El Paso, Texas, as "Capt. & QM 4<sup>th</sup> Regt. Texas Mounted Volunteers."

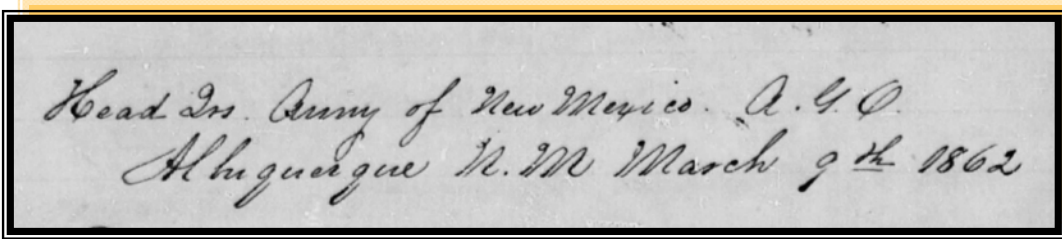


Signed on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1864, Houston, Texas, as "Capt. & A. Q. M."

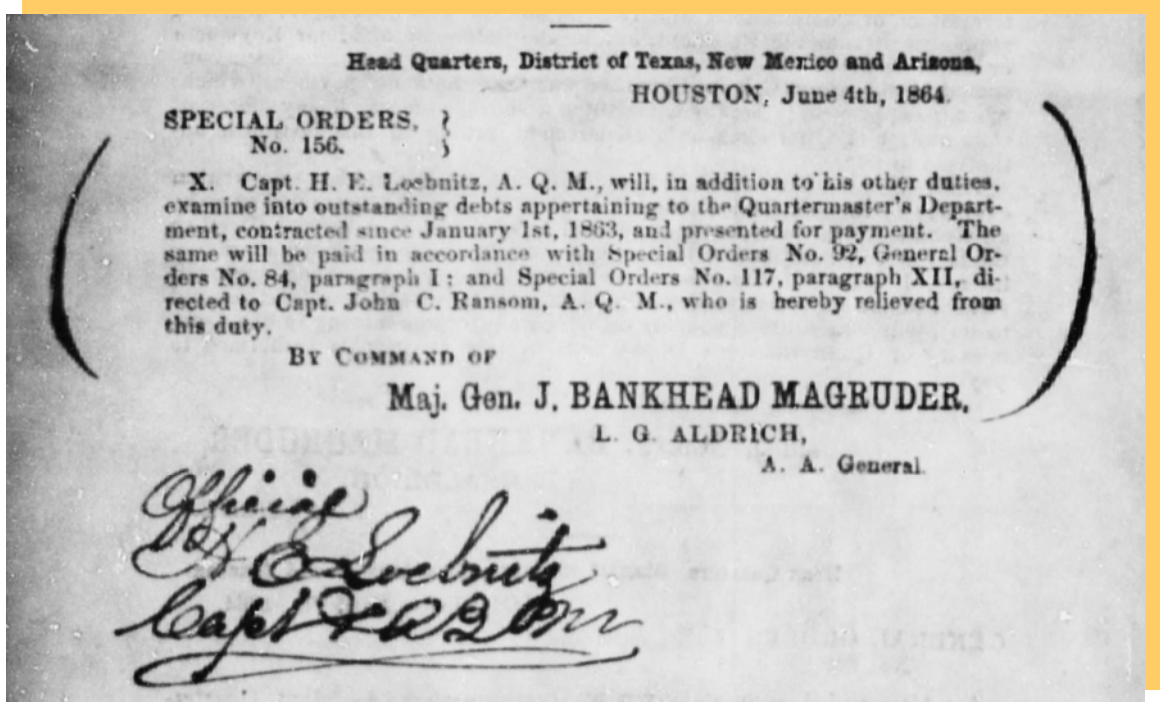


Signed on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1865, at Houston, Texas, on his parole document as "Capt & AQM, P.A.C.S."

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Capt. & A.Q.M.; Actg. Brig. Q.M.,  
Actg. Chief Q.M., Dist. Tex., etc.

4th Tex. Cav.  
Sibley's (H.H.) Comd  
Green's (T.) Comd  
Hardeman's (Wm.P.) Comd  
Magruder's comd  
Hebert's (P.O.) Comd  
*Slaughter's (J.E.) comd.*

4th Tex. Cav.

Dec. 7, 1861. Appointed from Tex. as Capt. & A.Q.M.; Mar. 18, 1862; to rank Dec. 7, 1861; report to 4th Tex. Cav. (Report, A.O.)

↓ Memo.- Formerly 2d Lt. Co. C, & Sept. 22, 1861, Col. James Reilly comdg. 1st Regt. Sibley's Brig., appointed him Regtl. Q.M. & Actg. Comsq.

Sibley's (H.H.) Comd

↓ Mar. 9, 1862. Ordered to assume the duties of Q.M. of Army of N. Mex., Gen. Sibley comdg., until further orders. Says he served in this capacity until the close of the campaign, May 4, 1862. (Per. Papers)

↓ Aug. 30, 1862. Major & A.Q.M., dropped (S.O. 203, (2), A.G.O.)  
↓ Revoked Dec. 9, 1862, per S.O. 268(20), A.G.O.)

Green's (T.) Comd

↓ Sept. 12, 1863. Returns of 4th Tex. Cav. for Dec., 1863, reports him A.Q.M. on detached service per S.O. of above date. (Report, A.O.)

↓ Sept. 25, 1863. Gen. Green, comdg. Cav. Brig., desires to know if he intends to assume the position of Chief Q.M. of the Brig. as soon as his health is sufficiently restored, having heard that he had been appointed in the Clothing Bureau of Dist. (Per. Papers)

↓ Dec. 10, 1863. At Hdqrs. Dist. of Tex., etc., signs as Capt. & A.Q.M. (P.P.)

Hardeman's (Wm.P.) Comd

↓ Jan. 21, 1864. At Houston, Tex., applies for transfer from Field service on account of disability and signs as Capt. & A.Q.M., 4th Tex. Cav., Actg. for 1st Cav. Brig. (P.P.)

↓ Feb. 5, 1864. Capt. & A.Q.M., 4th Tex. Cav. relieved as Actg. Q.M. of 1st Cav. Brig., and ordered to report to Maj. Bloomfield, Chief Q.M. Dist. Tex., etc.  
Magruder's comd

↓ May 24, 1864. Signs as Capt. & A.Q.M. & Actg. Chief Q.M., Dist. of Texas, etc. (Per. Papers)

↓ July 2, 1864. Says he relieved Capt. J.C. Ransom, A.Q.M., as Post Q.M. for the post of Houston. (P.P.)

↓ Aug. 23, 1864. Addressed as "Capt. & Actg. Chief Q.M., etc., Houston." (Vol. 41-2, p. 1078)

↓ Sept. 5, 1864. At Office, Post Q.M., Houston, Tex., signs as Capt. & A.Q.M. (P.P.)  
Hebert's (P.O.) Comd

↓ Oct. 12, 1864. Captn., assgd. as Actg. Chf. Q.M., Eastern Sub. Dist. of Tex. (G.O. 2, Hebert)

Memo.- Nothing further found as to staff service.

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Prepared by *C.L.H.*-----examined by *J.M.B.*

*Aug 28 1864. At Hdqrs. Dist. Tex. & Mex., Galveston, Gen. Slaughter says: "I take pleasure in testifying, &c., &c., &c. since he has served under my immediate supervision." (End. on letter dated Aug. 27, 1864.)*